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SUBJECT: UNDERGROUND OPPOSITION LEADER REPORTEDLY IN US

1. JANA SANGH MP (RAJYA SABHA) SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY WENT UNDERGROUND WITH MANY OTHER JANA SANGH COLLEAGUES WHEN THE EMERGENCY WAS DECLARED LAST YEAR. HE HAS SINCE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE NON-VIOLENT RESISTANCE ORGANIZED BY THE "PEOPLES STRUGGLE COMMITTEE," FORMED BY THE JANA SANGH, CONGRESS (O), SOCIALIST PARTY AND THE BHARTIYA LOK DAL (BLD) BEFORE THE EMERGENCY AND NOW OPERATING UNDERGROUND.

2. ACCORDING TO OUR OPPOSITION SOURCES, SWAMY SLIPPED OUT OF THE COUNTRY SOME MONTHS AGO IN DISGUISE AND UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF PROSELYTIZING THE OPPOSITION'S CAUSE AND DENOUNCING MRSM. GANDHI IN THE WEST. HE REPORTEDLY WENT TO BRITAIN FIRST WHERE HE APPEARED ON A BBC PROGRAM. ACCORDING TO US PRESS REPORTS (E.G. WASHINGTON POST, MARCH 2), HE IS NOW IN THE UNITED STATES.

3. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY OBTAINED A PH.D. FROM HARVARD IN ECONOMICS. HE TAUGHT FOR TWO YEARS ON RETURN TO INDIA BEFORE PLUNGING INTO POLITICS FULL TIME. HE IS OUTSPOKEN, ARTICULATE
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AND PRESUMABLY HAS GOOD CONTACTS IN THE AMERICAN ACADEMIC

COMMUNITY. HE IS ALSO AN ULTRANATIONALIST. HIS XENOPHOBIC WRITINGS AND SPEECHES BEFORE THE EMERGENCY DID NOT EXCLUDE THE U.S. SWAMY WAS THE MP WHO BROKE OPEN THE "MIGRATORY BIRD" CONTROVERSY ON THE FLOOR OF PARLIAMENT IN 1974. HE SPOKE OUT AGAINST UNITED STATES AID AND HAS BEEN A LONG-TIME ADVOCATE OF INDIA GOING NUCLEAR.

4. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING ANY INFORMATION ON SWAMY'S STATEMENTS AND ACTIVITY IN GENERAL DURING HIS STAY IN THE U.S.
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